

**East District Council
February 11, 2013
Seattle Public Library – Capitol Hill Branch
425 Harvard Avenue
Minutes**

Members Attending:

Alice Lanczos, Madison Park Community Council
Elaine King, Montlake Community Club
Jeffrey Cook, Capitol Hill Community Council
Lindy Wishard, Madison Valley Community Council

Jim Erickson, 1st Hill Improvement Association
Andrew Taylor, Miller Park Community Council
Anita Bowers, Montlake Community Club
Dennis Saxman, Capitol Hill resident
Jan Maloney, Madison Park Business Association

Staff: Karen Ko, Neighborhood District coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 5:51pm by Andrew Taylor, Chair.

East District Council (EDC) membership issues -

The meeting began with a discussion of the qualifications of voting membership in the EDC. The Bylaws state that community and business organizations within EDC boundaries are eligible for membership and at least moderate attendance to the meetings establish voting rights. While a community may have several community organizations on the EDC Board, a community is allowed only one vote. This discussion began when Alice noted there were two representatives from Montlake and does that mean Montlake gets two votes? Karen read the section in the East District Council by-laws that organizations within the East District boundaries who are interested and eligible can and should apply for membership to the EDC. Jeffrey suggested we would need to vet the organization before they could join and that we have a designated time that those organizations could join.

There was a discussion on the Bylaws of these various organizations. It was generally agreed to revisit the idea of bylaws revision at a later time. Karen noted the EDC 's bylaws were last edited in June of 2009.

Duties of the East District Council:

Several at the meeting expressed confusion regarding the grant application process, wanting more detailed guidance on project qualifications and requirements. Karen shared that District Councils have some discretion as to how to review certain projects. For example, for the Neighborhood Matching Fund Large Project process, District Councils can choose the method of reviewing and rating projects. Either a committee of the whole or a subcommittee can be assigned to do this work. For example - in the Northeast District Council, a sub committee reviews but members sitting on the subcommittee cannot vote for projects in their own neighborhoods.

Seattle Department of Transportation/Seattle Parks Department grants -

Karen shared she had spoken with SDOT and we are not doing a service to neighbors when we don't include carefully the detailed criteria. Next year there will be a more detailed process. SDOT, Parks and DON will supply us with criteria and speak to the new plans that might be impacted.

Karen noted that three applications have been received for the Neighborhood Parks and Street Funds. Each District gets 90k for this Fund.

There was a discussion regarding the criteria of 90k and if the project is returned and is over 90k, can we use other means to meet the full amount?

Neighborhood Matching Fund Large Grant process -

Karen shared that the Neighborhood Matching Fund Large Grant process has always included District Council review and a City-Wide Review team. This year, the Department of Neighborhoods is proposing some changes to, hopefully, streamline the process. There will be open houses which will include both the city wide team and the District Council review teams. Each District Council must rank their projects and then the city wide will also. She will also present an update on the Parks and Street Fund projects at the March Meeting.

Andrew suggested that only the city wide team rank and vote since the voting process in each district is not similar. Karen said she would be happy to take Andrew's suggestion to the City.

Meeting locations:

Alice asked whether the EDC regular meetings might be held in a place other than the library, due to the truncated hours of room availability there. Andrew proposed his community center and there was further discussion regarding availability of meeting areas where we could extend our meeting time. Karen will follow up on the areas mentioned.

The meeting was adjourned by Andrew Taylor at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anita Bowers
Secretary